

**Abstract**

The present invention is directed to IP telephony communications control. A user-interface device is communicatively coupled to an IP communications link and adapted to provide communications control selections to a user via a display. A

- 5 plurality of IP telephony devices are coupled to the IP communications link. Selections from the display are used for providing communications control including control of communications for at least one of the plurality of IP telephony devices. The user-interface device is adaptable for use by various types of users, such as system administrators, office administrators, and individual telephony device users. In this
- 10 manner, efficient and flexible user control of IP telephony applications is effected using a portable operations platform that is adaptable for use by different users at various locations.